

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A switching regulator includes a ground fault detection circuit including: a p channel MOS transistor, a resistor and a diode together allowing a high frequency current to be supplied to a power output node; an
5 inverter outputting a signal of the high level when the output node's potential exceeds a predetermined potential; and a D-type flip-flop set in response to the inverter outputting a signal of the high level to set an activation signal ϕE high to activate a control circuit. When the power
10 output node is grounded the control circuit is not activated and no overcurrent flows.